
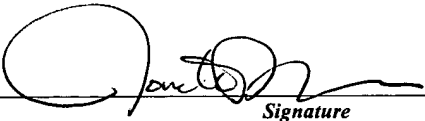


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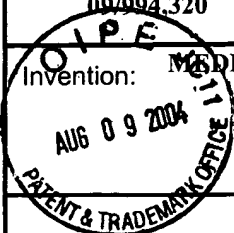
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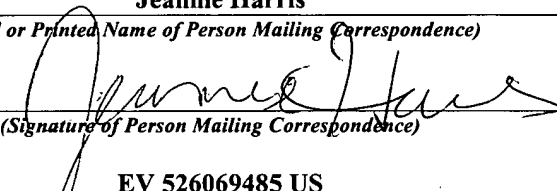
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In response to the final Office Action dated April 7, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

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